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SUBJECT: NYERERE APPOINTS TWO EX-MINISTERS BACK TO PARLIAMENT

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1. EXERCISING HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO APPOINT UP TO TEN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, PRESIDENT NYERERE NOV 3 MADE EIGHT SUCH APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING OUTGOING FINANCE MINISTER CLEOPA MSUYA AND PLANNING MINISTER WILBERT CHAGULA. CHAGULA AND MSUYA DID NOT RUN FOR PARLIAMENT IN OCTOBER 26 ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENT MAKES THEM ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUED SERVICE IN CABINET. OTHERS APPOINTED INCLUDE FORMER TANU OFFICIAL AND FIVE WOMEN. ON NOV 1, NYERERE ALSO NAMED 45 APPOINTED MEMBERS FROM ZANZIBAR (WHICH DOES NOT HAVE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS). THESE INCLUDE 22 MEMBERS OF ZANZIBAR REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, 5 REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (EX OFFICIO) AND 18 APPOINTEES.

2. COMMENT: FAILURE OF CHAGULA AND MSUYA TO RUN FOR
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ELECTION (REFTEL) WAS SURPRISE, AND IT HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED

THAT NYERERE WOULD APPOINT THEM BACK TO PARLIAMENT.
ACCORDING TO TRADITION, PRESIDENT MAY NAME NEW FACES TO
PARLIAMENT TO ENABLE THEM TO SERVE IN CABINET, BUT THEY ARE
EXPECTED TO FIND THEMSELVES ELECTED SEATS IN NEXT GENERAL
ELECTION. FLOUTING OF THIS TRADITION SUGGESTS FURTHER DOWN-
GRADING OF THE PARLIAMENT, WHICH EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS MADE
CONSTITUTIONALLY SUBORDINATE TO THE TANU PARTY. THERE HAD
BEEN CRITICISM THAT, DESPITE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, ONLY
ELEVEN WOMEN CANDIDATES WERE APPROVED TO RUN IN OCTOBER 26
ELECTION, OF WHOM JUST THREE WON. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL
WOMEN MEMBERS UNDOUBTEDLY DESIGNED TO REDRESS THE BALANCE
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